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TAGS: CVIS, UR (JUZMA, YURIY)

SUBJ: IV REPRESENTATION AT MFA

REF: STATE 299235

1. CONSOFF DISCUSSED OCT 9 WITH FIRST SECRETARY IVAN VASILYEVICH STEPANOV AND ATTACHE VLADIMIR ALEKSEYEVICH IOSIFOV OF MFA CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION, SOVIET EXIT PERMISSION CASES OF YURIY KAZMA, PER REFTTEL, AND VICTOR ABDALOV, SOVIET CITIZEN MARRIED TO AMCIT CATHERINE COSMAN, AND LEFT SEPARATE NON-PAPERS ON EACH CASE.

2. STEPANOV PREDICTABLY REPLIED THAT SUCH MATTERS ARE NOT WITHIN COMPETENCE OF MFA. WHEN HE DID NOT FOLLOW THIS WITH ASSERTION THAT HE WOULD PASS MATTER TO COMPETENT ORGANS, CONSOFF QUERIED WHETHER HE WOULD IN FACT DO SO. STEPANOV REPLIED MERELY THAT MFA WOULD "STUDY" MATTER BUT REFUSED TO MAKE COMMITMENT FOR ANY OTHER MFA ACTION. HE SUGGESTED EMBASSY TAKE SUCH MATTERS DIRECTLY TO OVIR.

3. ALTHOUGH IT IS TOO SOON TO MAKE DEFINITIVE ANALYSIS, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT STEPANOV REPLY MAY PRESAGE SOVIET POLICY OF ALOOFNESS TOWARD EMBASSY ON EXIT PERMISSION CASES. BY TAKING REFUGE BEHIND "NON-COMPETENCE" LINE, MFA  
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IN EFFECT ADOPTS NON-COOPERATIVE STANCE, AT SAME TIME

ESCHEWING USE OF QUOTABLE TOUGH POLICY LANGUAGE.

4. IF MFA PERSISTS IN PLEADING NON-COMPETENCE IN EXIT PERMISSION CASES, EMBASSY PROPOSES NEVERTHELESS TO CONTINUE MAKING REPRESENTATIONS TO MFA AND SIMULTANEOUSLY TO ADDRESS SEPARATE COMMUNICATIONS TO OVIR.

5. FYI, EMBASSY HAS SENT ABOUT A DOZEN LETTERS TO OVIR IN PAST THREE MONTHS REQUESTING EXIT PERMISSION IN NIV CASES. THUS FAR, IT HAS RECEIVED ONLY ONE RESPONSE (NEGATIVE), TRANSMITTED VIA MFA.  
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